

**POLICE CAPTAIN  
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **POLICE CAPTAIN** to be administered in **LAFAYETTE** on **SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**, will consist of approximately **136** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<b>POLICE SERVICE MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the principles of effective police service management involving management; researching, planning, organizing, directing, inspecting, and evaluating departmental operations; and personnel management.	11.8%
<b>MANAGING EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY/SUPPLIES</b>  Knowledge of the management, maintenance, and purchasing of equipment, property, and supplies, including verifying that equipment is tested and meets applicable standards.	4.4%
<b>FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the financial management and planning processes of a public agency, including budget preparation, bookkeeping procedures, and overseeing the expenditure of budgeted funds.	5.1%
<b>RECORDS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE</b>  Knowledge of effective records-management practices, including preparation, content and retention; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation, analysis, and organization of data into an effective written format for reports or official correspondence.	5.1%
<b>SUPERVISION</b>  Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	14.7%

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<p><b>PUBLIC RELATIONS/CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS</b></p> <p>Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public; and of the procedures for conducting a crime prevention program to address specific community needs.</p>	6.6%
<p><b>TRAINING</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the department and for developing and implementing an effective training program, including serving as an instructor.</p>	3.7%
<p><b>PATROL/GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the management of general patrol practices and procedures including methods of patrol, defensive tactics, responding to crimes in progress, field interviews, arrest procedures, the use of firearms, vehicle stop tactics, and law governing these procedures.</p>	18.4%
<p><b>TRAFFIC CONTROL/TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the management of traffic control and traffic accident investigations, including enforcement of all applicable motor vehicle laws.</p>	11.8%
<p><b>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the management of operations involved in investigating crimes against persons or property, including identifying elements which constitute the various crimes; identification, collection, and preservation of evidence; search and seizure; interview and interrogation; court testimony; and applicable laws.</p>	11.8%
<p><b>SPECIAL TACTICAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the procedures for conducting special tactical operations such as crowd control situations, and operations during natural disasters or catastrophic events.</p>	6.6%

## **REFERENCE LIST**

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

### **PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES/Better Results Through Teamwork**, 777 North Capitol, Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed, 2005. (NOTE: May also be obtained through **LSU Firemen Training Program**).

**POLICE ADMINISTRATION**, Wilson, O. W. and McLauren, Roy C., McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, N. Y., 5th ed., 1997.

**POLICE FIELD OPERATIONS**, Adams, Thomas F., Prentice-Hall, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 7th ed., 2007.

**SUPERVISION OF POLICE PERSONNEL**, Iannone N. F., Prentice - Hall, Inc.(Series in Criminal Justice), Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, 6th ed., 2001.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**, O'Hara, Charles E., Charles C. Thomas Publisher (Bannerstone House), 2600 South First Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9265, 6th ed., 1994.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICE MANAGEMENT**, (Municipal Management Series), International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G St., N.W., Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed., 2003.

**ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

### **SECONDARY REFERENCE MATERIAL**

#### **PUBLICATIONS PERTAINING TO LOUISIANA LAWS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES:**

**LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOK**, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Available to Law Enforcement Officers through your local District Attorney's Office, 8th ed., 2002.

The local civil service board should make this study guide available to all applicants in whatever manner

the board deems appropriate.

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